

**City of Bloomington  
Telecommunications Council  
Business Meeting – December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**Common Council Chambers  
City Hall at the Showers Building  
401 N. Morton St.**

**I. Members Present:** Thom Gillespie, Carl Zager, Eric Ost

**Members Absent:** Duane Busick

Note: There is one vacant position available on the Telecommunications Council.

**II. Public Comment**

Lennon Beasley

- On 6/20/2012 met his benchmark of 2000 programs produced.
- He produced 36 new programs in November.
- Also in November, he produced first music album called "Romance is a Seven Letter Word".
- On 12/18/2012 Lennon will be celebrating his 31<sup>st</sup> birthday. He is having a birthday celebration on Friday, 12/7 at 12:30 in CATS meeting room. All members of the council are invited.

**II. Approval of Minutes:**

The council has three sets of minutes to approve.

**May 2012** – Corrections were given to the ITS staff. There is still one place where Thom's name is misspelled. Carl Zager moved to approve the May minutes, Thom Gillespie seconded the motion. Questioned was called two members approved, one disapproved.

**June 2012** – Eric Ost moved to approve the June minutes. Carl Zager seconded the motion. Question was called two members approved, one disapproved.

**October 2012** – Eric Ost moved to approve the October minutes. Carl Zager seconded the motion. Question was called all members approved.

**IV. Reports and Announcements**

**1. Telecom Members: No reports**

**2. CATS – Martin O'Neil, filling in for Michael White, CATS General Manager**

Monthly programming reports for both October and November

**October highlights:**

- \* Multiple awards earned at the Alliance for Community Media Events
- \* 23 candidates signed up to do Candidates on Demand

**November highlights:**

- \* Election night coverage
- \* Christmas with the Pops

CATS has purchased new equipment, a Ross SD writing switcher.

Eric Ost – How did you handle multiple sights on election night?

Martin O'Neil – Facetime

**3. WTIU – Joe Wren, filling in for Phil Meyer, Station Manager**

- \* Phil Meyer sent a report by email earlier.
- \* 3 new "In Focus" programs
- \* Delays/Closings have been added to WTIU 2
- \* We've applied for a grant to add delays/closing to the 3<sup>rd</sup> channel as well

**V. Information from or about Video Service Provider - No Report**

## **VI. Old Business**

**Eric Ost** – Franchise Fee Receipts

For July 1<sup>st</sup> – September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012

	Total Revenue	Percentage of total revenue paid as franchise fee payment	Franchise Fee Payment
AT & T	\$996,684.60	5%	49,834.23
Comcast	\$2,963,873.77	5%	148,193.69

In comparison with the first three quarters of 2011 vs. first three quarters of 2012, the amount is 2.95% lower or \$18,486.61. We have seen a reversal in revenue.

**Carl Zager** – Still concerned with the reductions we are seeing, plus the political climate to the franchise fee. We are not prepared to continue to provide this kind of service to the City of Bloomington.

**Thom Gillespie** – Is there discussion at WTIU/CATS about what would happen if franchise fees were to go away?

## **VII. New Business**

**Carl Zager** – Do we need to plan another work session?

**Eric Ost** – In talking with a member of the City Council, hopefully the issue of our charter may be pushed forward after the first of the year.

**Work Session planned for Tuesday December 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in the CATS conference room.**

**Carl Zager** – I suggest we contact the management of WFHB, WTIU, and CATS, and see if they would be willing to have a representative there.

## **VII. Adjournment**

Thom Gillespie motioned for adjournment.

### **Next Regular Meeting**

January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Common Council Chambers in City Hall at the Showers Building  
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Submitted by:

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